VGC-RC Series Hard Disk Drive Replacement Instructions

IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU START

These easy instructions are intended to guide you through the replacement process.

- ✓ To avoid electric shock please make sure product is turned off and disconnected from the power source. Remove jewelry before you begin work to avoid scratching the surface of your desktop computer.*
- ✓ Place your desktop computer on a clean, stable and covered surface to avoid damage to the computer's case.*
- ✓ Follow the ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) damage prevention instructions:
  - o Hold parts by the edges, away from exposed circuitry when possible.
  - o Do not walk around excessively as this promotes static build-up.
- ✓ The appearance of the electronic components shown in the illustrations may be different from the components shipped. This slight difference does not affect the accuracy of these instructions.

* Sony is not responsible for any loss of data associated with your computer or any damage caused by incorrect handling of the computer under these procedures. The terms of your Sony Limited Warranty continue to apply.

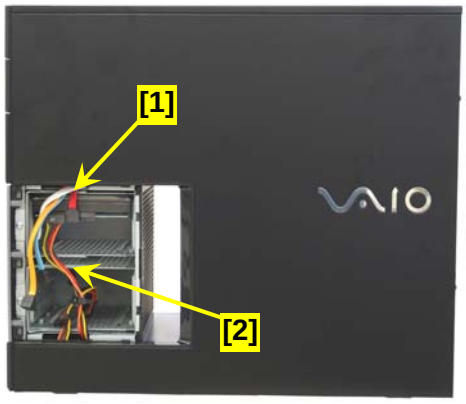
Step 1. Prepare the Computer.

⚠CAUTION: Make sure the computer is turned off and the power cord is disconnected. Failure to do so can result in damage to the computer.

Place the computer on a solid surface with the front facing you.

Step 2. Remove Side Panel.

Locate the release tab on the right side panel. Use your thumb or finger and gently press the tab in and release the pressure. The panel will pop up out of the slot.



Step 3. Identify the location of the hard drive's connections as shown: the Serial ATA cable (red) is identified with **[1]** and the Power Cable (P7) with **[2]**.

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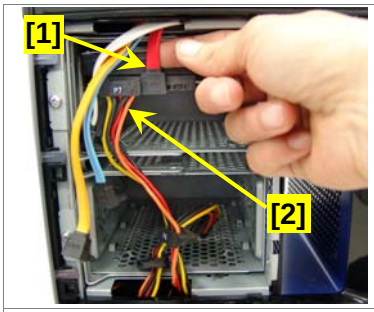
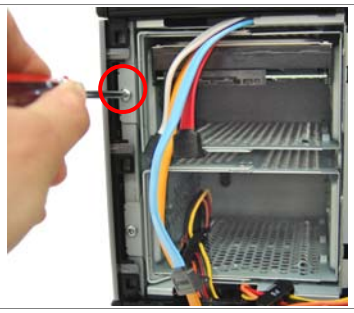
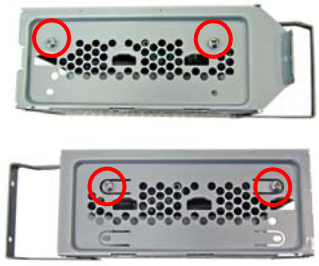
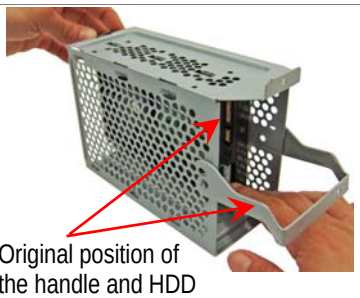




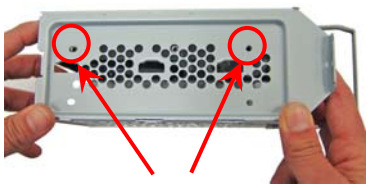
Step 4. Proceed to disconnect the Serial ATA (red) cable **[1]** and Power Cable (P7) **[2]** from the hard drive. Using the enclosed magnetic screwdriver, remove the marked screw as shown on the picture.

Step 5. Release the HDD bracket enclosure by pulling the handle as shown. Some force may be required to unlock the handle. Slide the complete HDD bracket enclosure out of the unit. IMPORTANT! Hold the cables away from the bracket enclosure while pulling the complete assembly out.

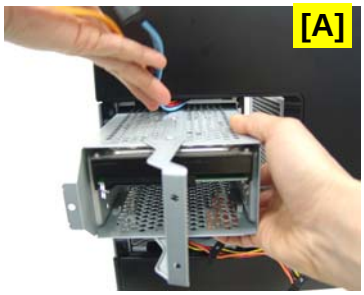




Step 6. Using the enclosed magnetic screwdriver, remove the four (4) screws that secure the hard drive into the bracket enclosure. IMPORTANT! Before proceeding, take note of original position of the drive inside the bracket. Slide out the original drive.



Step 7. Slide new hard drive inside the bracket enclosure with all holes in alignment. Reinstall the four (4) screws previously removed, securing new drive into the bracket.



Step 8. **[A]** Reinstall the HDD bracket enclosure being careful to align the guides. IMPORTANT! Hold the cables away from the bracket enclosure while inserting the complete assembly. Some force may be required to slide the HDD bracket enclosure into the unit. **[B]** Lock the handle in place.

Step 9. Reconnect the Serial ATA (red) cable **[1]** and Power Cable (P7) **[2]** to the hard drive. Reinstall previously removed side panel.

Power on your computer and continue with the recovery process by following the instructions described on the back of the recovery disk's case. Return the old hard drive to Sony following the included shipping instructions.